ESC meeting

Plan the Planning meeting

July 19, 2016

Present: Amanda Erdmann, Jill Davenport, Karl Hahn, Allyson Greene, Seith Leinard, Leif Anderson, Christina Erickson

Absent: Emily Schilling, ESC Fellow (position to be filled)

Climate action plan Discussion:

The current Green by 2019 document has multiple stakeholders, and we “handed out our teeth”, to ACUPCC, or others, rather than writing for our community. Need updating as it was written in 2010, and the context has changed.

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Our current mission suggests we assist. We want to govern and lead. But not project manage.

Previous influence across the college was weak because we were an interest group. Now we are a sub-committee of the UC.

We reviewed mission statements of other UC subcommittees.

We want to identify the goals for the college around environmental stewardship with clear actionable VERBS. This should include categories with some metrics with 5 year and 1-year goals within each category. Not developing the initiatives, but leading with the development of the campus-wide goals.

The goals don’t say how it is done, or who is in charge, it simply states the goals.

Run like the wind from the GHGI!!! It is changing in 2017 and it is too much data to manage.

What are the areas we want to focus on as a community?

Cultural Changes - behavioral changes

Recycling

Composting

Water usage

Transportation

Energy

Land use

Teaching and Modeling a way of life

Sustainable purchasing

Community engagement

A well thought through taxonomy of the categories….we need a good structure for this. A handful of categories with a goal in each category is the end result. The initiatives will come from the campus itself.

Give it a visual.

We are a college on land, near water, with air, a built environment, and people. Could our categories come from here? This could be the framework, organizing dimension, for our goals.

After we have identified these we should take it to the Environmental Action Committee of the Student Government, then take it to the campus community, then take it to the UC for ratification.

The final product is a document on 1 or 2 pages.

Updated mission statement (change to a Charge) with more agency.

At our next meeting, Seth and Allyson will lead the brainstorming session.

Leif will write examples of charges for us to review and contact Kristin to set up a meeting date.

Christina will look at other schools categories for ideas.

Next meeting date: watch for a doodle from Kristin Hansen for a meeting in late summer.

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